

TAKE OFFICER'S GUN AND BADGE

Bold Highwaymen Hold Up Constable Martin, Even Getting His Credentials to Arrest.

THEN ROB NEXT MAN COMING

Two Crimes Result in Loss by Truck Dealers—Thieves Laugh and Escape.

When it comes to holding up an officer of the law and pressing the muzzle of a revolver against his forehead, taking all his spare cash, and even his own pistol and his official badge, the situation would seem to be growing desperate, but that is the experience which Pincus Martin, Henrico county constable and well-known trucker, had at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. He was returning home after selling his produce in a Richmond market, and had gotten safely to the end of the Fifth Street Bridge, when two negroes accosted him, and at the point of a shining revolver, asked him to step down from his seat. He stepped down with alacrity, and one of the footpads said, "We want all you've got."

They Got All He Had.

"There was nothing else for me to do," said the constable afterwards, "and I told them to come up and get what they could."

Still pressing a revolver against his head, one of the negroes went through his pockets, taking \$11 in cash—the money Martin had received from the sale of his produce—his watch and his revolver. In the dim light his badge glinted before the eyes of the highwaymen.

"Take his badge off, too," said one of the men, and the constable was relieved of his official mark. Then the two negroes ordered him back into his cart, and made off in the darkness with their plunder. The constable drove off, reflecting on the vicissitudes of life and the general lawlessness of some people, who were without respect even for the majesty of the law, as personified by its officers. As he drove on, the parties shot rang in his ears. "Better stay in your own back yard after this," he reflected further that perhaps this would be a wise course.

The two negroes were cool and daring. One went to the horse's head, while the other gave his attention to the constable. They evidently expected a larger bounty for their pains, for often Mr. Martin returns with more than \$100 in his pocket. He considered it fortunate that he sold so little, and he offered silent thanks that his horse was left. Of course, the taking of his badge was only a joke, for it would be of no earthly use to the bandits. The revolver was more important, for its loss left their victim unarmed and unable to defend himself.

Another Trucker Held Up.

As an additional bit of spice to the occasion, J. R. Wright, an humble trucker of Hanover county, was also robbed of his cash, amounting to a few dollars, as he was passing through the city. He was stopped by two men, who, after a brief struggle, took his money and his Sunday dinner for the family, and he was left with a pair of shoes, a piece of beef he had purchased for yesterday's dinner, and other things. They put the stuff in a bag and walked through the city, and he followed them, and then turned their attention to his country cart. They got some new clothes he had bought, a pair of shoes, a piece of beef he had purchased for yesterday's dinner, and other things. They put the stuff in a bag and walked through the city, and he followed them, and then turned their attention to his country cart.

"That gun was too close to my head," he remarked last night in discussing the affair. "I thought it best to give up without a word. I told them to help themselves, and they did." They went through his cash, taking of it what they wanted, and then turned their attention to his country cart. They got some new clothes he had bought, a pair of shoes, a piece of beef he had purchased for yesterday's dinner, and other things. They put the stuff in a bag and walked through the city, and he followed them, and then turned their attention to his country cart.

He was held up and robbed about 8:30 o'clock, and the same men evidently lay in wait for their richer victim, the constable. The second job was the most daring that has recently been committed. It was a not often happen that a highwayman has the temerity to hold up an officer of the law, but footpads in these modern times, it seems, are no respecters of persons. They appear to regard all as their lawful prey, and Sheriff Kemp will probably be his usual roaden as traverses the lonely country road at night.

TO CONFER DEGREES

Scottish Rite and Master Masons of Virginia Here To-Day.

Masons of the Scottish Rite and Master Masons from all parts of the State will assemble here to-day to attend the thirty-fourth annual reunion of the Scottish Rite, which will be in session in the Masonic Temple through Wednesday. The purpose of the reunion is the conferring of all degrees from the fourth through the thirty-second. All Master Masons of good standing who are residents of the State are eligible.

The ineffable degrees, as conferred in this jurisdiction, begin with the fourth and extend through the fourteenth, and are conferred in lodges of perfection. The historical and religious degrees begin with the fifteenth and extend through the eighteenth, and are conferred in Chapters of Rose Croix. The chivalric and philosophical degrees begin with the nineteenth and extend through the thirtieth, and are conferred in Councils of Kadash. The official degrees are the thirty-first and thirty-second, and are conferred in the consistory.

The thirty-third, and last Masonic degree, is conferred by the supreme council, and is only conferred as an honorary or official degree on those whose zeal and service in the cause of Freemasonry entitle them to distinction.

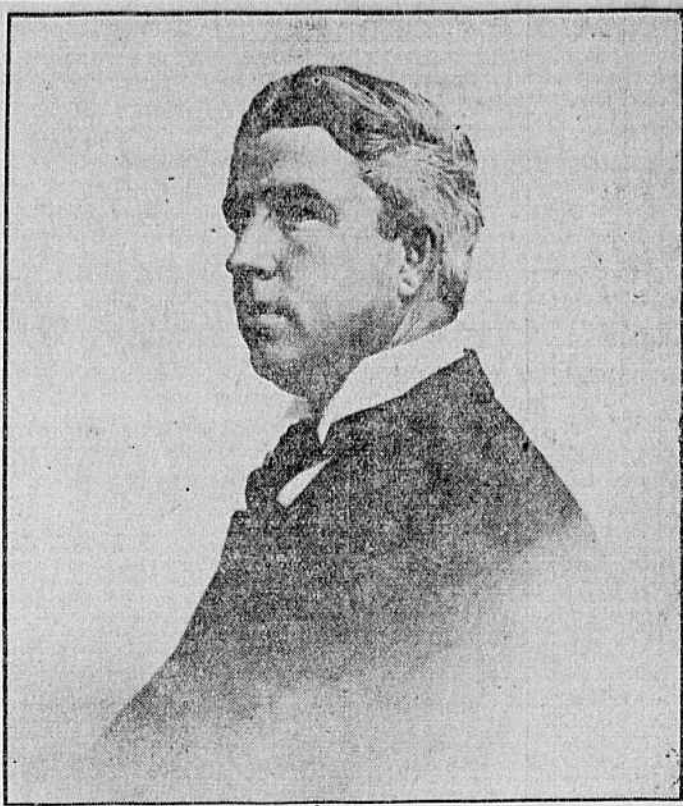
The arrangements and applications for degrees are in the hands of the secretary, Mr. Charles E. Nesbitt.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. M. A. E. Woodbridge was called to New York yesterday morning on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. A. G. Richards.

Mrs. E. T. Spencer and her two daughters, of Lunenburg county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Garnett, at Henric Courthouse.

Man Who Got Rebate Evidence



L. B. JOHNSON,
Special Agent Interstate Commerce Commission.

HENRICO SEER LIVING IN CAVE

Strange Man Comes Out at Night to Preach Wisdom With None to Hear Him.

Hardly better off as to habitation than Diogenes, Jack Scott, the seer of Henrico county, is attracting no little attention among the travelers along the Craik Road. He has been a well-known figure for many years, but just now he is becoming conspicuous mainly because of his dwelling, which is for this part of the country unique. Some while ago he asked permission to live on a vacant lot near the road. The permission was granted, and neither he nor the owner said anything about a place of shelter. He chose a sunny spot on the southern exposure of a steep hill, and proceeded to burrow. Several days of this "prairie dog" stunt sufficed to make the hole large enough for him to turn around in. The walls were smoothed and the floor cleaned. This done to his satisfaction, he collected some old boards, with which he constructed a roof, more or less leaky. A small chimney, run through a hole in the roof, completed the house, which he has named "The Cave," and which he has named "The Cave," and which he has named "The Cave."

Speaks Only to Birds.

Being a man of leisure, as well as brains, Scott thinks a great many thoughts that he feels the world ought to know about. Therefore, every evening after he has finished his humble repast—furnished from the county almshouse—he takes his stand before the dugout and begins to harangue on any and every subject. Although these interesting lectures are for the benefit of mankind in general, it makes no particular difference to him whether or not there is any audience at all. The great thoughts are in him, and must come out.

People passing along the road late at night have been scared out of their wits at the sound of the voice in the wilderness, and some are so prone as to imagine the man of wisdom is suffering from mental disorders so grave as to want a padded cell to get the matter right, he will soon have an opportunity to get off a spool before one of the county magistrates and Dr. Deas.

LOOK OUT, BR'ER FOX

Some Henrico Hunters Will Catch You If You Don't Look Out.

Many citizens of Varina District, Henrico county, are looking forward to an old time Virginia fox-hunt Thanksgiving morning. Several packs, said by their owners, to be the best and fastest in the country, will be consolidated. Already every man who is proud owner of a "spot-licker," is telling the other how his dog is going to run the legs off the pack and how he is going to tack the skin of the luckless gray on his henhouse to dry at the end of the chase.

The sport which has been fast waning in the last few years, is being revived. To help it along, during the time when the old packs were allowed to go to seed the foxes have been increasing rapidly, so that now with the weather in the right condition, it is an easy matter to make a "strike" in a short while in the lower part of the county. The people are beginning to realize that they will have to hunt in order to save their chickens. This is a very good excuse for the busy farmer, who can't get over his love for the sport.

The arrangements for the hunt are in the hands of Mr. Joseph Lynes. It has not been decided yet where the first hunt will be held, but Sheriff Kemp and Superintendent of Schools Davis have caught the craze and will be on the job early in the morning. Each of them has a promising pair of youngsters that they hope will get their first taste of blood when the kill is made.

NEGRO ATTEMPTS SUICIDE, BUT DOCTOR SAVES HIM

John Harris, colored, attempted late last night to commit suicide by cutting his throat with an old pocket-knife. Dr. Scott, of the city ambulance, was summoned to the scene, and he arrived in time to save the despairing negro's life, much against his will. Harris lived at Third and Marshall Streets.

Suicide among negroes is of the rarest occasion, especially by such a means. But Harris failed because Dr. Scott was too quick and energetic for him.

TRIES TO KEEP THREAT TO KILL

But Physician Finds Murderous Bullet in Joe Price's Shirt, So He Lives.

Yelling murder with a lusty voice, Joe Price, colored, ran out of the house at 1317 Chaffin Street last night and rushed up the street full tilt into the arms of Dr. Doherty Hinckman, who was traveling in the opposite direction. The physician had heard the shots and was on his way to see if he could be of any service, when Price fell in his arms.

"I'm shot," groaned the negro, "an' I reckon my time is up." The physician pulled up his shirt to examine him, and was surprised to see a thirty-eight-calibre bullet drop to the ground. Price's skin was too thick, and the ball imbedded itself only a slight distance in the outer flesh. Then he and Dr. White, of the city ambulance, who came up just then, dressed the slight wound, and the negro went home. Joe was shot over a heart affair by a negro whom he called "Chunk." That was the only cognomen he knew. Chunk had threatened before that he would kill Price, and last night he proceeded to put his promise into effect. He fired twice, and then snapped his revolver several times, but it failed to explode. Only one shot took effect, and that wound was practically harmless. The affair was reported to the police, and several bicyclists at once repaired to the scene and instituted search for Chunk.

CHAMBER GETS DATA

Secures Information Showing Importance of Consolidation of Cities.

Pending the appointment by the Council of Manchester of a committee to confer with the representatives of the Council and the Chamber of Commerce in the question of consolidation, the chamber's force is busily engaged in collecting data concerning the two cities, which will be read at the joint meeting.

It is expected that the Manchester committee will be ready for work by the end of the week. By that time the information will be in such form as to give an intelligent idea of what is proposed to be done and of the advantages that will accrue from the union of the two cities. Although the chamber has been unusually busy during the last few weeks, the consolidation movement has not been neglected, and it will be put before the people in the best possible form.

Sent to Nelson for Trial.

After completing a jail sentence in Henrico county, Joseph Johnson was yesterday sent in charge of Detective J. W. Light, to Nelson county, where he will be placed on trial for breaking into several freight cars of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

Find Odd-Fellows' Charm.

An Odd-Fellows' charm was found at the scene of the fire Saturday night by Police Officer Jennings. It may be recovered at the chief's headquarters upon identification.

REBATE CASE ON DOCKET TO-DAY

Special Counsel Marble Sent Here to Assist in Prosecution of Alex. P. Gilbert.

TRIAL BEGINS AT 11 O'CLOCK

Business Men Summoned on Jury Which Will Decide Chesapeake and Ohio Cases.

John H. Marble, special attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission, has arrived in the city to assist District Attorney Lewis, who will represent the government in the case of Alex. P. Gilbert, assistant general freight agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, indicted by the Federal grand jury for granting rebates. The Gilbert trial will be called in the United States District Court before Judge Waddill at 11 o'clock to-day.

Sent by Department.

Because of the familiarity with the testimony, it is understood that Mr. Marble was sent here by the Department of Justice, Attorney-General Bonaparte having given special attention to the cases after a conference some months ago with President Roosevelt. Mr. Marble represented the commission when Commissioner Lane conducted the rebate inquiry in February last.

Jurors for the term who have been ordered to report to-day are principally business men who may easily understand the intricate question of rates, rate-making and rebates. Aside from the railroad agents summoned as witnesses, the government has issued subpoenas for J. W. Perrin, general freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, and C. R. Capps, general freight agent of the Seaboard Air Line, whose roads are alleged to have been victimized by the rebate practices.

Friends of Mr. Gilbert declare that before the hearing here, he has had no opportunity to explain his side of the case, nor did his lawyers desire to make any defense until the matter came squarely before a jury. The evidence in the prosecution will cover mainly that which was brought out before Commissioner Lane. The public, therefore, will be mostly interested in Mr. Gilbert's defense.

The indications are that the hearing will consume the greater part of the week, so it is doubtful when the indictment of W. R. Johnston and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, as a corporation, will be taken up.

Special Agent Here.

L. B. Johnson, special agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who spent several months in Richmond yesterday, has arrived here for the trial. Thus far Mr. Johnson has not been sworn as a witness, as he was ill in the Virginia Hospital when the cases were under consideration by the grand jury.

"There is a personal interest in the trial, and the probabilities are that the court room will be crowded during the week. Unless there is a change in the program, W. O. Gates, shipping clerk for W. R. Johnston, will be the first witness for the government."

FAILURE DUE TO IMPERFECT WORK

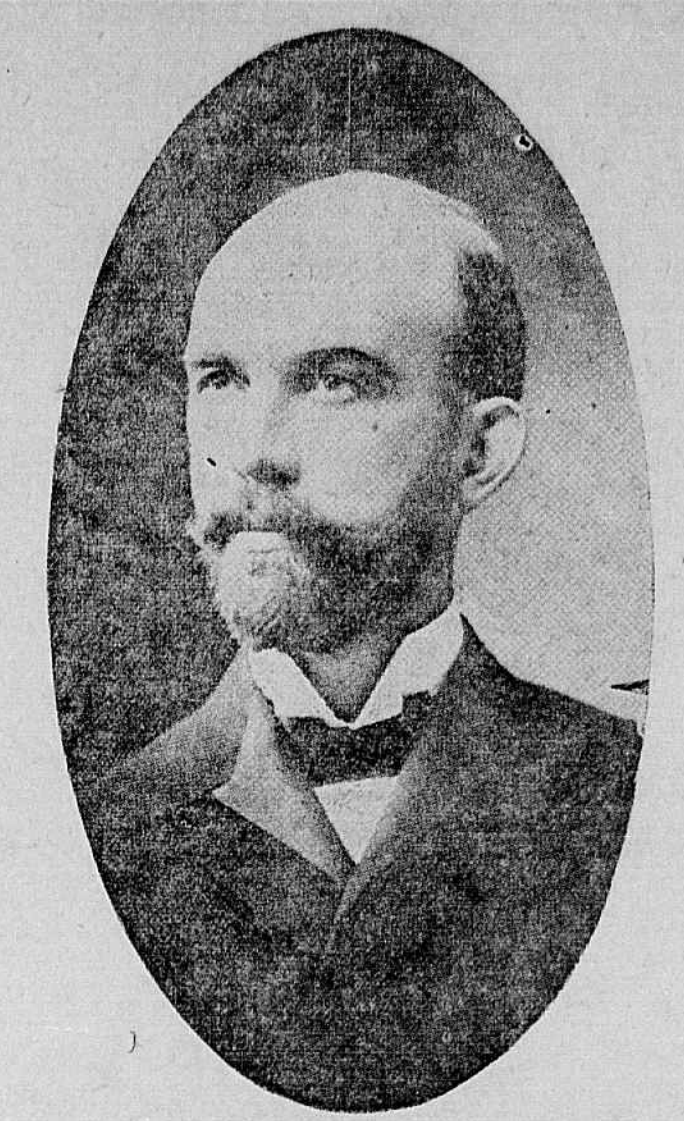
Engineering News Attributes Collapse of Flume to Base and Crown Construction.

A meeting of the Council Committee on Water is scheduled for Thursday night of this week. That being Thanksgiving, and a legal holiday, the date will no doubt be changed by Chairman Mills to some night earlier in the week. Interest in this committee and in fact, throughout the City Hall, is now on tiptoe, for the report of the expert examiners into the condition of the settling basin flume, and their recommendations as to what steps the city shall take to secure clear water.

Nearly three months have passed since the first break in the flume, and the city is now no nearer to the use of the filtration plant than it was early in the summer.

The Engineering News of last week, in a page devoted to concrete work, carried a note of the failure of the concrete flume at Richmond, indicating as the chief cause of the failure the practice of the workmen of carrying the invert 100 feet or more in advance of the crown, instead of a month, or one stone formation, failure to tie the reinforcements, and improper tamping of concrete are given as contributory causes. The magazine does not say on what authority it reaches these conclusions as to the causes of the failure.

TELLS HOW FUND WAS RAISED



DR. F. W. BOATWRIGHT,
President Richmond College.

FULTON PASTOR RESIGNS CHARGE

Rev. David Hepburn Retires After Six Years' Labor in East End.

Rev. David Hepburn, pastor of the Fulton Baptist Church, handed to the deacons of that congregation yesterday morning his resignation, after a pastorate of six years, to take effect December 1st. No action has been taken by the deacons, nor has the congregation taken any steps as to securing a successor for Mr. Hepburn. The retiring pastor did not indicate where he was going after giving up his work here.

"I have several offers under consideration," he said last night, "and have not yet determined where I will go. This church is to be one of the sectional points for the Chapman meetings in January, so I thought it better, as I had determined to leave, to give notice at once, in order that the pastorate might not be vacant at that time."

Mr. Hepburn came to Richmond from the Second Baptist Church, Baltimore. The church in Fulton had 543 members when he was installed. Its membership now exceeds 700.

FOR ANNEXED SECTION

Nearly \$10,000 Yet to Be Apportioned for Improvements.

A meeting of the Committee on Apportionment of the Funds in the Annexed Territory has been called for this evening at 7:45 o'clock. While practically all of the \$426,000 bond issue has been apportioned for expenditures in the new sections of the city for gas and water mains and street improvements, in many cases the estimates, especially for sewers, were above the actual cost, and a residue amounting in all to about \$10,000 has been returned to the general fund to be re-apportioned. As soon as all the fund provided under the annexation bond issue of two years ago has been expended this special committee will go out of existence.

Governor in New York.

Governor Swanson left for New York last night, and will to-night be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Virginia Society of that city. He will return here Thursday stopping over in Pittsburgh to attend another dinner Wednesday night.

REALIZE NEED OF DEEPER CHANNEL

Chamber of Commerce Will Use Best Efforts to Secure Appropriation for James River.

During this week the energies of the Chamber of Commerce will be directed towards final arrangements for the Richmond delegation to attend the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which will be held in Washington from December 10th to 13th. Present indications are that the congress will be the most largely attended since it was organized, and strenuous efforts will be made to carry from here a large number of people, besides those who go as delegates. The sessions will be held in the auditorium of the New Willard Hotel.

The city will be represented by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce and a delegation from the City Council. Governor Swanson will appoint special delegates for the State. None of the appointments has been made as yet. It is the purpose of the Business Manager Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, who has the trip in charge, to arrange for headquarters in one of the Washington hotels, so that every one going from this city may stop at the same place. It is expected that by this concentrating the forces for the improvement of James River the congress will be more impressed with the work and will be quicker to respond.

Want Permanent Help.

The expenses of the representatives of the chamber will be paid by that body and those of the Council committee by the city. Delegates appointed by the Governor will pay their own expenses.

Representatives of the chamber will appear before the Finance Committee again to-night in behalf of the \$1,000 asked from the city to be used for educational purposes for the improvement of the rivers and harbors. At its last meeting the committee deferred action on the matter, but will give a definite reply to the chamber at this session. Mr. Dabney and others interested in the movement are confident that the amount will be appropriated by the Council, as cities smaller than Richmond have already contributed their share. This money, if appropriated, will have no bearing on the trip of the local delegation to the congress, but will be turned over to the special committee of that body to be used in its effort to induce the Congress of the United States to give \$50,000,000 annually for ten years toward the improvement of the rivers and harbors.

PRISONER, TAKEN ILL; DIES AT CITY HOME

Fred Geary, Charged With Being Disorderly, Succumbs to Overindulgence in Whiskey After His Arrest.

Drunk when he was arrested shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning, Fred Geary, a white man, living at the corner of Seventeenth and Grace Streets, was seriously stricken in the First Police Station, and died yesterday afternoon in the City Hospital, where he was taken after he became so ill.

Geary was arrested with his mother, sister and a man named Lewis Labonta, all charged with being disorderly. The house was raided by Sergeant Sowell and Policemen Atkinson, Gentry and Chatterton. They were ordered to reduce Labonta by main force. Geary became ill in the station house, and Dr. White, of the city ambulance, was summoned to attend him. He saw his serious condition, and took him immediately to the hospital, where, after the physicians worked over him for many hours, he succumbed to too great indulgence of his appetite.

Count the Votes To-Day.

The Board of State Canvassers will meet at the Capitol to-day to count and certify the votes cast in the recent election.

HARD MATTER TO THANK FAITHFUL

Dr. Boatwright Full of Gratitude for Those Who Raised Greater College Fund.

SAM COHEN SORRY OVER END

Campaign Means That Richmond College Will Move from Its Present Site.

BY DR. F. W. BOATWRIGHT,
President Richmond College.

"I am sorry that it is over and that I have lost my job," declared Mr. Samuel Cohen Saturday night, at the close of the Greater Richmond College campaign. The sentiment found frequent expression during the course of the evening, and was always greeted with cheers. All the workers in the campaign were happy. Their arduous ten-day campaign had been crowned with success. The city had given an average of more than \$1,000 an hour for the past two days, and Greater Richmond College was assured.

My heart overflows with gratitude as I think of the unselfish service rendered by the busy men of affairs in our city. They left their offices for a period of ten days in the busiest season of the year, and gave their time and strength unreservedly to an enterprise that would contribute to the common good. The idealism and the altruism of these ten days of social service are grandly inspiring. This campaign has again demonstrated that our citizens have learned how to get together and work for a greater and a better Richmond. In this work the business men can always count on the hearty co-operation of the officers and teachers of Richmond College. The college may soon remove to more spacious grounds outside the city limits, but our hearts are in the city and our hands are ready to assist those who build its destiny.

Difficult to Thank All.

It would be a pleasure to me to recount the helpful kindness of every member of a team or committee. But so many lent their aid that it would be too long. It is not invidious to say, however, that much of the credit for success should be given to Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, the chairman of the executive committee. His long and faithful public service in Richmond enabled him to rally around him a group of citizens whose appeal was irresistible.

Councilman Thomas Branch McAdams, as a member of the executive committee and chairman of the committee on plan, gave us a scheme of organization that worked admirably and contributed greatly to our success. There were ten subcommittees of the executive committee, and each committee did valiant service and brought in large amounts. The eight team captains had varying success in holding their teams together, but they all gave their personal service without stint of time or energy. Mr. J. F. Corley kept the team in amount collected while he was in the city, but he had to be absent in the closing days of greatest success. Mr. Spilman's team early caught the enthusiasm of their leader, and the final round-up showed that they exceeded all others in the total amount raised. The other team captains—Messrs. Thalhimer, Miller, Montague, Hotchkiss, Richardson and Elliott—led their forces with a zeal and a skill that compelled success. Their presence at the daily meetings and their words of cheer and encouragement filled every heart with fresh courage. When the field of campaign widened, Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Richardson put their automobiles at the disposal of the workers, and they hastened the hour of victory.

And it was a glorious victory. Its good results will abide through the coming years. The men who have made possible a Greater Richmond College will develop a Greater Richmond on the James. The same dedication and the same fellowship in service will accomplish yet greater things in the years just ahead.

Tribute to Mr. Bryan.

The sickness and death of Mr. Joseph Bryan cast a deepening shadow over our campaign, but his spirit was in the work to the triumphant close. It is a comforting thought to this sad day that Mr. Bryan's mournful leading citizen, to consider that the spirit of Mr. Bryan survives in the men with whom he was associated, and that they stand ready to carry on his work. The life of a great leader survives in the generations that follow.

The office at room 7, Mutual Building, will be kept open a day or two longer, and it is expected that additional money will come in from friends who had not made up their minds Saturday. The only error in announcements thus far discovered was in crediting a subscription of \$1,000 to Mrs. Hampton Fleming. Mrs. Fleming brought in a subscription of this amount, but she brought it as representing the alumni of the present Woman's College, of which society she is president. The alumnae had already subscribed \$1,000, and on Saturday they became responsible through their president for an additional \$1,000.

Previous to the present campaign various churches of Richmond had taken collections for the college fund amounting to more than \$43,000. The total amount, therefore, that has been raised in Richmond for a Greater Richmond College exceeds \$150,000. This is an achievement of which Virginia as well as Richmond may be proud. It certainly lays upon the officials of the college a debt of gratitude which they can never repay. We will strive to show our appreciation of the increased efficiency of our institutions.

FOR ELECTRIC PLANT

Will Convert Old Pump-House Into Electric Generating Station.

Plans for the electric plant to stand on the site of the Old Pump-House will be submitted by Engineer Traf-ford to a meeting of the Council Committee on Electricity to-morrow night. The contract has already been awarded for the water pumps, motors and transmission line at the New Pump-House. This work, however, is dependent on the conversion of the Old Pump-House into an electric generating station, which will not only produce the power for the water pumps, but also for the proposed system of street lights for the entire city, including electric lighting for the City Hall, new High School and Blues' Armory.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FOR HIGHLAND PARK

